

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Pending Claims

Claims 47-50, 53, 54, 56, and 60-73 are pending.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 52, 58, and 59 have been canceled.

Claims 60-69 are new and recite particular embodiments of claims 47, 48, and 53, from which the new claims depend. For example, claims 60-62 recite particular embodiments of claim 47. Claims 63-65 recite particular embodiments of claim 48. Claims 66-73 recite particular embodiments of claim 53.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments to the claims.

Summary of the Advisory Action

The Office indicates that claims 47-50, 53, 54, and 56 are allowed.

The Office rejects claims 52, 58, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter.

The Office rejects claims 52, 58, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by WO 00/34494. The Office rejects claims 52, 58, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by (i) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0019195 or (ii) U.S. Patent 6,969,609.

Reconsideration of these rejections is hereby requested.

Discussion of Rejections

In an effort to advance prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 52, 58, and 59. Applicants believe that the new matter and anticipation rejections of claims 52, 58, and 59 are moot in view of the cancelation of these claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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